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**TAXPAYER ADVOCACY PANEL MEMBERS SELECTED**

WASHINGTON – The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service today announced the selection of 102 members who will serve on the new nationwide Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP). The panel members will listen to taxpayers, identify issues and make suggestions for improving IRS service and customer satisfaction.

"It is important to bring real-world experience to government operations," said IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti. "Because of their wealth of experience, the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel members will bring important perspectives to help with tax administration."

"The new panel members have an important job to make sure that the IRS provides world-class service to taxpayers. Now that we have expanded the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel to all 50 states, we can ensure that taxpayers from every corner of the country will have their voices heard," said Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill.

Panel members will work with IRS executives on priority topics – primarily those involving the Wage and Investment Division and Small Business / Self Employed Division. Also, members serve as a conduit for grassroots issues from the public and provide that information to the IRS.

"We look forward to working with taxpayers in improving the customer-service focus of the IRS," said Nina Olson, IRS National Taxpayer Advocate. "Working with taxpayers directly will help us identify issues that may not be on the IRS radar screen. We can also hear their concerns about issues the IRS is already addressing and become involved before decisions are made."

TAP members are U.S. citizens who devote about 300 hours during the year to the panel. Professions represented on the panel include tax professionals (tax attorneys and accountants), professors, retired military, small business owners and one former state legislature member.

For the first time, the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will have membership from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Previously, the panel was called the Citizen Advocacy Panel (CAP), which was based in four regional locations and had members from 10 states. The Treasury Department, which sponsors the group, recommended expanding the program to include representation from all 50 states. Each state was allotted membership based on its taxpaying population.

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Taxpayers can contact their state representative to the Panel, by calling 1-888-912-1227 or via the internet at [www.improveirs.org](http://www.improveirs.org). Taxpayers can also write to the Panel and mail your correspondence to:

Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP)  
TA: TAP Room 3031 IR  
1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20224

[Editors, please note that a list of the new panel members is attached to this news release. The attached list includes 85 members who have been formally approved. Another 17 are in the final stages of approval.]

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# Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Members

## **ALABAMA**

Francis (Buck) J. Paolone  
Hoover

## **ALASKA**

Bruce Twomley  
Juneau

Sherry Whah  
Anchorage

## **ARIZONA**

Gregory J. Maciulla  
Tucson

## **ARKANSAS**

Steven Wood  
Little Rock

## **CALIFORNIA**

Norma Bishop  
Santa Barbara

Yvonne Gallegos-Bodle  
Oxnard

Curtis Feese  
Covina

Cheyanna L. Jaffke  
Placentia

Christopher Lowe  
Placentia

Michelle Nelson  
Mission Viejo

Howard Perkins  
Suisun City

Charles Taylor  
San Diego

## **COLORADO**

Richard A. Cormier  
Alamosa

## **DELAWARE**

Patrick McCombie  
Wilmington

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Theodore Perros

**FLORIDA**

Mary Lou Beyreis  
Jacksonville

Gwen Handelman  
Ft. Lauderdale

Edward Hanna  
Temple Terrace

Keith Johnson  
Jacksonville

Sharon Lassar  
Miami

Owen Oatley'  
Holly Hill

George Sullivan  
N Fort Myers

**GEORGIA**

Charlotte Cassady  
Talbotton

Tim D. Jarrell  
Kennesaw

**HAWAII**

Clayton Agena  
Honolulu

**ILLINOIS**

Robert M. Burke  
Chicago

Robin Gausebeck  
Rockford

Richard Greenberg  
Hinsdale

Lawrence Lexow  
Edwardsville

**INDIANA**

Carl Hansen  
Indianapolis

Teresa Smedley  
Salem

**IOWA**

Denise Bigger  
Albia

**KANSAS**

Nan Wilson  
Overland Park

**LOUISIANA**

Helen Curol  
Lake Charles

**MAINE**

Catherine J. Kelly  
Corinth

**MARYLAND**

George Pruchniewski  
Baltimore

Faith Vinikoor  
Baltimore

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Charles W. Silva  
Orleans

**MICHIGAN**

Leslie R. Malcolmson  
Detroit

Nancy Quarles  
Southfield

**MINNESOTA**

Laura De Marais  
Minneapolis

Thomas P. Seuntjens  
Wayzata

**MISSISSIPPI**

Phil Bryant  
Brandon

**MISSOURI**

Linda Bader  
Chesterfield

Kenneth Logan  
Blue Springs

**NEVADA**

Justin Doucette  
Las Vegas

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Abigail Alicea  
Nashua

**NEW JERSEY**

Anthony DiMartino  
Toms River

Robert Maziarz  
Hainesport

David Meyer  
Voorhees

Leonard Steinberg  
West Windsor

**NEW MEXICO**

Mario Burgos  
Cedar Crest

**NEW YORK**

Aimee Gomlak Brace  
Buffalo

Walter Fish  
Bellmore

James R. Grimaldi  
Brooklyn

Paul Nagel  
Glen Cove

Shamsey Oloko  
Staten Island

**NORTH CAROLINA**

Mary Balmer  
Chapel Hill

C. Morgan Edwards  
Charlotte

**NORTH DAKOTA**

Paul W. Smathers  
Edgeley

**OHIO**

Brig Gen. (ret) James Abraham, P.E.  
Gahanna

Frank Claudman  
Warrensville Heights

Thad Davis  
Van Wert

**OKLAHOMA**

Patrick Castleberry  
Oklahoma City

**OREGON**

Virginia Symonds  
Portland

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Gerald G. Gensiejewski, Jr.  
Newtown

Manning Mosley, III  
Wayne

Doreen Scott  
Pittsburgh

**RHODE ISLAND**

Diane Mignano  
North Kingstown

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

John Hollingsworth  
Aberdeen

**TENNESSEE**

Larry Barnard  
Morristown

Linda Miller  
Memphis

**TEXAS**

Maria J. Hermann-Pariente  
El Paso

Roejeana Warren  
Dallas

Lillian Woo  
Bryan

**UTAH**

Sharon Stetz  
Salt Lake City

**VERMONT**

Ekileen Shuman  
Brattleboro

**VIRGINIA**

Karen Kerrigan  
Vienna

Calvin K. Johnson  
Norfolk

**WASHINGTON**

Christopher Forzano  
Vancouver

Joseph Reder  
Richland

**WISCONSIN**

Daniel Drumel  
Wind Lake

Glenn Hall  
Madison

Robert Meldman  
Milwaukee